

CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A fishing pole, comprising:

a handle; and

a rod carried by the handle, the rod having a base, an elongated coil spring mounted axially of the rod and adjacent the base at a proximal end, a first rod portion and a second rod portion, the first rod portion carried by the coil spring at a distal end and having a distal tip end terminating in a first line guide, and the second rod portion carried by the rod and having a distal tip end terminating in a second line guide.

2. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the second rod portion extends

intermediate and adjacent the first rod portion.

3. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the second rod portion is carried by the

coil spring at a distal end.

4. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the second rod portion is carried by the

base adjacent a proximal end of the coil spring.

5. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the second rod portion is carried by the

base.

6. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the coil spring comprises a first coil spring

and further comprising a second coil spring provided coaxially within the first coil spring.

7. The fishing pole of claim 6 wherein the second rod portion is carried by the second coil spring at a distal end.

8. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein a portion of the first rod portion deviates from axial alignment in an upward, convex direction away from a direction of bend imparted by fishing line tension applied while landing a fish.

9. The fishing pole of claim 8 wherein a portion of the second rod portion deviates from axial alignment in an upward direction away from a direction of bend imparted by fishing line tension applied while landing a fish.

10. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the first rod portion comprises an arcuate section extending upwardly and away from a direction of loading when retrieving a fish.

11. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the handle comprises a reel seat provided on a top side of the handle.

12. The fishing pole of claim 1 wherein the handle comprises a reel seat provided on a bottom side of the handle.

13. A fishing pole, comprising:
a handle; and
a rod carried by the handle, bowed upwardly of the handle, and having a base, a first rod portion carried by the base at a distal end, the first rod portion with a distal

tip end terminating in a first line guide, and a second rod portion carried at a proximal end intermediate the first line guide and the base, and having a distal tip end terminating in a second line guide.

14. The fishing pole of claim 12 wherein the rod is arcuately upwardly bowed on a top side.

15. The fishing pole of claim 12 wherein the rod comprises a metal rod.

16. The fishing pole of claim 13 wherein the first rod portion is deformed from axial alignment with a main portion of the rod.

17. The fishing pole of claim 13 wherein the second rod portion is deformed from axial alignment with a main portion of the rod.

18. The fishing pole of claim 13 wherein the rod further comprises an elongated coil spring mounted axially of the rod adjacent the handle.

19. The fishing pole of claim 18 wherein the first rod portion is carried by a distal end of the coil spring.

20. The fishing pole of claim 19 wherein the second rod portion is carried by a distal end of the coil spring.

21. The fishing pole of claim 19 wherein the second rod portion is carried adjacent a proximal end of the coil spring.

22. The fishing pole of claim 21 wherein the second rod portion passes coaxially through the coil spring.

23. The fishing pole of claim 22 further comprising a second elongated coil spring mounted axially of the second rod portion and provided coaxially within the first elongated coil spring.

24. The fishing pole of claim 19 wherein the first rod portion is longer than the second rod portion, and the first rod portion and the second rod portion are carried by a main rod portion of the rod.

25. A fishing rod, comprising:
a base;
an elongated coil spring mounted axially of the rod adjacent the base at a proximal end;
a first rod portion; and
a second rod portion, the first rod portion carried by the coil spring at a distal end and having a distal tip end terminating in a first line guide, and the second rod portion carried by the rod and having a distal tip end terminating in a second line guide.

26 The fishing rod of claim 25 wherein the first rod portion is bowed upwardly, away from a direction of load applied to the rod when retrieving a fish.

27. The fishing rod of claim 26 wherein the second rod portion is bowed upwardly, away from a direction of load applied to the rod when retrieving a fish.

28 The fishing rod of claim 25 wherein the second rod portion is carried by the rod at a location spaced apart distally of a distal end of the coil spring.

29. The fishing rod of claim 25 wherein the second rod portion is carried by a distal end of the coil spring.

30. The fishing rod of claim 25 wherein the second rod portion is carried adjacent a proximal end of the coil spring.

31. The fishing rod of claim 25 wherein the coil spring comprises one coil spring and further comprising another coil spring, wherein the another coil spring is provided coaxially within the one coil spring, and the second rod portion is carried by a distal end of the another coil spring.

32. A fishing rod, comprising:
a base portion;
a first rod portion carried by the base portion adjacent a distal end, of the base portion, the first rod portion with a distal tip end terminating in a first line guide; and

a second rod portion carried at a proximal end intermediate the first line guide and the base, and having a distal tip end terminating in a second line guide.

33. The fishing rod of claim 32 further comprising a coil spring provided between the base portion and the first rod portion.

34. The fishing rod of claim 33 wherein the second rod portion is also carried by a distal end of the coil spring.

35. The fishing rod of claim 33 wherein the second rod portion is carried by the base portion.

36. The fishing rod of claim 33 wherein the coil spring comprises an outer coil spring, and further comprising an inner coil spring provided coaxially within the outer coil spring between the base portion and the second rod portion.

37. The fishing rod of claim 32 further comprising a main rod portion carried by the base portion at a proximal end and configured to carry the first rod portion and the second rod portion at a distal end.

38. The fishing rod of claim 37 further comprising a coil spring provided between the base portion and the main rod portion.

39. The fishing rod of claim 32 wherein the first rod portion is bowed arcuately upwardly and away from a direction of loading when retrieving a fish.

40. The fishing rod of claim 39 wherein the second rod portion is bowed upwardly and away from a direction of loading when retrieving a fish.

41. The fishing rod of claim 32 wherein the base portion comprises a kick-down portion configured to align the first rod portion and the second rod portion with a fishing line when the fishing rod is mated with a handle and a fishing reel.

42. A fishing pole, comprising:

a handle having a reel seat provided along a bottom side; and
a rod carried by the handle having a base with an offset portion and bowed upwardly of the handle, the rod having an elongated coil spring mounted axially of the rod adjacent the base at a proximal end and having a distal tip end terminating in a line guide, the reel seat and the base offset portion configured to position the coil spring to cooperatively receive a line of a spinning reel on the reel seat so as to provide an intermediate line guide on the rod.

43. The fishing pole of claim 42 wherein the reel seat is provided on a portion of the handle that is offset from the coil spring.

44. The fishing pole of claim 43 wherein the handle comprises a plurality of handle portions secured together by fasteners and adjustably positioned via the fasteners into a plurality of articulated positions.

45. A fishing pole comprising:

a handle having a horizontal portion, a handle offset portion terminating in a parallel, offset distal end connector portion, and a reel seat provided along a bottom side; and

a rod carried by the handle having a base bowed upwardly from the distal end of the handle, the rod having an elongated coil spring mounted axially of the rod and proximate the base and having a distal tip end terminating in a line guide, the reel seat and the handle offset portion configured to position the coil spring to cooperatively receive a line of a spinning reel on the reel seat so as to provide an intermediate line guide on the rod.

46. The fishing pole of claim 45 wherein the handle comprises a plurality of handle portions adjustably secured together via one or more fasteners to adjust position of the reel seat relative to the coil spring and the tip end line guide.

47. The fishing pole of claim 45 wherein the handle is a unitary piece from a proximal end to a distal end.